

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant presents replacement paragraphs below indicating the changes with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing. No new matter has been added.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 13, which starts with "Having now generally described the context for practicing the present invention, we turn..." with:

"Having now generally described the context for practicing the present invention, we turn now to describe the present invention in further details from the sender and the recipient's perspective. Referring now to Figure 2, wherein a block diagram illustrating the present invention from the sender and the recipient's method view is shown. As illustrated, the method starts with email sender 102 using email client 104 to compose and send an email message to recipient 112 ~~103~~, block 202. In response to a request to send the email, email client 104 checks to determine whether the email to be sent has attachments, block 204."

In addition, please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 23, which starts with "While the present invention has been described referencing..." with:

"While the present invention has been described referencing the illustrated and above enumerated embodiments, the present invention is not limited to these described embodiments. Numerous modification and alterations may be made, consistent with the scope of the present invention as set forth in the claims to follow. For example, while distributed storage 116 ~~115~~, for ease of understanding, has been described as

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separate and distinct from the recipient's computing device 113, the present invention may also be practiced with the recipient's computing device 113 and distributed storage ~~116~~ ~~115~~ being the same device. Similarly, while for ease of understanding, location server 124 has also been described as separate and distinct from the hosting server of email service 122, the present invention may also be practiced with email service 122 also providing for location service 124. Further, while the recipient's distributed storage being offline has been described as a responsibility of email service 122 to address, the present invention may also be modified and practiced with the responsibility being that of the sender's email client (104 of Fig. 1). Similarly, while email client 104 has been described as a client program or agent of hosted email service 122, the present invention may be practiced with email client 104 being part of the same email service 122 or of a different email service. Of course, the above examples are merely illustrative. Based on the above descriptions, many other equivalent variations will be appreciated by those skilled in the art."